

A new hope

We are living through turbulent times in which big changes are coming. It's vital we make the right decisions to facilitate **positive** changes, reversing our current trajectory which is ruining millions of lives and the natural environment upon which we all depend for our very existence.

A bright new future, based on a fairer and genuinely sustainable society **is** possible. We owe our children and grandchildren a better future than the one we are currently promising to leave them.

Wrong direction

Although Surrey Heath is not quite the peaceful, 'leafy lanes' and unspoilt place it might have been, most of its natural heritage remains, but it is gradually disappearing under the relentless pressure for never-ending growth in this over-developed region of Britain.

Already the hopelessly congested roads threaten our health with rising air pollution, while our long lost peace and quiet is set to become far worse if the expansion of Heathrow and Gatwick go ahead.

But it's not just environmental factors in decline. Further cuts to our social services, education, health and other public services are stretching them to breaking point, threatening the very fabric of our communities.

Who would have imagined that in the year 2017, in one of the better off areas of the fifth richest economy in the world, we would be seeing rising child poverty, domestic abuse, homelessness and low income working families dependent on food banks to survive?

Break the chain

As the Green Party candidate I am offering a much more attractive vision of the future for you to consider.

For nearly 40 years the Green Party has been developing policies based around cooperation, democracy, compassion, tolerance and realism. Long term policies, working in harmony with nature, which offer a high quality of life for all, free from conflict, exploitation and oppression.

Our current way of politics is extremely divisive and wasteful, including an unfair voting system which encourages us to flip-flop between two dominant parties.

Every few years, following further decline, we allow them to come back with new manifestos full of unrealistic promises and enticements. And so it goes on.

We need to break the chain. It's time for a new kind of politics. Maybe we cannot win this election, but EVERY vote invested in the Greens now lays a marker for a new, brighter future. Please don't waste it on the past.

Sharon Galliford, Green Candidate for Surrey Heath



VOTE Sharon Galliford



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for the common good

I have lived in Surrey Heath for 39 years, my children were born in Frimley Park Hospital and attended local schools.

I have worked in the community in a variety of roles in health, social care, education and advocacy.

I am deeply committed to a fairer, more cohesive society where everyone's basic needs are met. I have the privilege of education (degrees in politics & economics and postgrad in psychology) but also know what it is like to juggle several part time jobs yet rely on child benefit to buy food to feed my children. A vote for me is a vote for a candidate grounded in reality.

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Vote for what you believe in

This table details how our MP, MICHAEL GOVE, voted in parliamentary debates on various issues. As your MP I would vote very differently. Decide for yourself who would best represent your views and values.

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	MICHAEL	SHARON
Reduction in spending on welfare benefits 46 votes for, 0 votes against, 8 absences, 2010–2016	Consistently voted for	Would vote against
Increasing the tax rate on incomes over £150,000 0 votes for, 8 votes against, 4 absences, 2012–2015	Consistently voted against	Would vote for
Banker's bonus tax 1 vote for, 11 votes against, 6 absences, 2011–2015	Consistently voted against	Would vote for
University tuition fees 4 votes for, 0 votes against, 2010–2016	Consistently voted for	Would vote against
A more proportional system for electing MPs 0 votes for, 3 votes against, 3 absences, 2010–2016	Consistently voted against	Would vote for
Measures to prevent climate change 5 votes for, 12 votes against, 11 absences, 2008–2016	Mostly voted against	Would vote for
Culling badgers to tackle bovine tuberculosis 2 votes for, 0 votes against, 2 absences, 2013–2014	Consistently voted for	Would vote against
Privatisation of Royal Mail 5 votes for, 0 votes against, 2009–2011	Consistently voted for	Would vote against
Reducing central government funding of local government 5 votes for, 0 votes against, 1 absence, 2010–2017	Consistently voted for	Would vote against

On 22 Feb 2017 Michael Gove voted to set the main central government grant to local government for 2017-18 at a level 44% lower than the 2016-17 level. i.e. Approving the next set of cuts to our services and amenities.

What really matters

The global environment maintains all life on Earth - it provides the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat.

Every year we take more from the Earth than it is capable of regenerating, and produce more waste than it can absorb. This is disrupting the climate and decimating biodiversity.

Unless we reverse this process, the day will come when the planet is no longer capable of sustaining our civilisation.

The evidence is all around us - extreme weather events, floods, droughts, forest fires, rising sea levels, vanishing wildlife, melting icecaps, dying oceans....

This is why the Green Party bases all of its policies around environmental protection, designed to create a society living in harmony with nature, where everyone can enjoy a high quality of life, free of conflict, exploitation and violence.

Our policies redirect resources into the technologies of the future, leading the way towards a clean, safe and truly sustainable future.

Building a successful economy is not at odds with protecting our environment, it is impossible without it. A prosperous, thriving future will be green - or not at all.

A vote for the Green Party is a vote for the future – for this country, its wildlife and landscape, for present and future generations and for our unique and precious world.

EVERY GREEN VOTE COUNTS

*to send the message that
our future depends on a*

**STRONG, STABLE
ENVIRONMENT**

VOTE FOR CHANGE

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on June 8th



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